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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7205**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 569**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 18, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Indiana Learning and Family Center.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Department of Correction to establish an Indiana Learning and Family Center. It provides that the Center's purpose is to offer family and educational services to criminal offenders and their families and the community in an effort to curtail criminal behavior that is perpetuated by poor education and lack of services and resources. It requires the Center to establish numerous programs, including: (1) a community based literacy program; (2) a workplace skills enhancement program; (3) a summer enrichment program; and (4) a youth opportunity task force program. It provides that the center is comprised of both a learning center and an educational center. It requires the Learning Center instructors and the Family Center advocates to cooperate to assist clients in accessing services most appropriate to their needs and goals. It requires the Learning Center to offer classes in the following areas: (1) Literacy. (2) Adult basic education. (3) General educational development. It also requires the Center to collect certain data relating to the center's performance.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The potential costs for this program would be based on: (1) the number of participants, who may include criminal offenders and their families, the community at-large, as well as the (2) specific programs components (e.g., literacy and GED education programs; workplace training/part-time employment; and intervention services for first-time juvenile offenders). Several preliminary cost considerations include the following: costs of lease/construction of a center; staff costs (including a coordinator, clerical staff, full-time teachers, maintenance staff, etc.); curriculum materials; and computers/software.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified (As of December 31, 1998, DOC had 46 vacant positions.);

(4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

This program is based on the Oklahoma Department of Corrections Enid Community Learning and Family Center. More information on this program will be provided as it is received.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Correction.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Planning Division, Department of Correction.